

Eborn Elected President

Cadet Captain Dave Eborn of "B" Company, was elected, by a majority, to be President of the Student Body, last Thursday evening in the Big Room. Major Roller talked to the cadets before the election was held and explained to them the honor system that Augusta is run on. Captain Eborn has been at Augusta for four years and is President of the Y.M.C.A. He is quite active in sports and has proven himself capable to grasp the situation in all matters. He was on the Honor Committee last year and was chosen best Officer of the Day. He was elected second best Military Cadet and also second best Commissioned Officer. Eborn takes over the job that Earl Cabaniss held last year. Earl did a wonderful job and it is hoped that Eborn will equal and better that record. So far the cadet corps has cooperated whole-heartedly with Dave and it is hoped that they will continue to do so. Also nominated for presidency were Cadet Captain Tom Warner, First Captain Charles McAtee, and Captain Stuart.

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SMOKEY, AMA'S MASCOT

Did you know that AMA has a mascot? Well, we do. It is a very handsome black persian cat named Smokey, belonging to Mrs. Warren S. Robinson. Not only of very fine lineage but also of very distinguished military descent, as "Smokey" was born in the barracks about two years and a half ago. Smokey expects to be on hand to lead our team to victory on their four home games. If you want to know more about "Smokey" ask Cadet Middleton.

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1943

Oct. 2—Woodberry Forest.....	Away
Oct. 9—V.S.D.B.	Away
Oct. 16—Massanut'n Mil. Acad.....	Home
Oct. 23—Hargrave Mil. Acad.....	Home
Oct. 30—Fork Union Mil. Acad.	Home
Nov. 6—Greenbrier Mil. Acad.....	Home
Nov. 13—U.S. Naval Acad.....	Away
Nov. 25—Fishburne	Away

THE SCHOOL SONG

"Our Director"

Fight hard with our opponents
They'll never score
As through their lines
We will score once more
Down the field we will hike it for
A.M.A.
Then all together we will win today.

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HONOR COMMITTEE

AND WHAT IT MEANS

For the benefit of the new cadets, the Bayonet wishes to explain the Honor Committee at AMA. The Honor Committee is elected by the student body. Representatives are chosen by the fourth, third and second year cadets. There are three representatives chosen from each year group in addition to the student body officers. There is always a new cadet chosen to act as spokesman for the new cadets at committee meetings. Until the committee is officially elected, a temporary committee, chosen by Major Roller, will act in full capacity of Honor Committee members. Any dishonorable things that may occur from now until the permanent group is selected may be reported to any member of the organization.

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AVIATION CLASS

Quite a few cadets have signed up for the Aviation lessons that are in the offing. Not knowing what will be done the cadets who already have signed are: Schutte, Kohl, Patterson, Bello, Phillips Whete, Segar, Criss, Stephenson, Melchor, Wroffberg, McGraw, Prati, Kauffman, Mikita, Litten, Dunn, Drexel, Hawkins, Peed, Keesling, Derck, Elston, Chambling, Almacen, Hevener, J. W.; Hevener, J. B., Tesoriero, Cohen, Dozier, Quatrone, Beamon, Osheroff, Cockrell, and Kregger. These cadets might have the chance to obtain private pilots licenses if they have the course. The course is still young in its formation and it is hoped that something will come of it.

Dr. Holcomb Makes Award

The Bayonet is proud to be the first to announce to the corps that Dr. A. A. Holcomb of Northview, Mich., will shortly send to the school a Memorial Cup on which will be encribed annually the name of the cadet who best typifies the "most willing cadet" in sports. As the word implies this is to honor the cadet who puts out his most but falls short of being physically able to make the top grade. He gives his best but is outdistanced by others who are better endowed by nature to pass him by on the way to the top. In addition to having his name engraved on the Holcomb Memorial Cup the fortunate individual will receive a medallion engraved with his name upon it. This memorial has been established in the memory of Jack "Ace" Holcomb who was a member of the cadet corps until his death last April 2. In behalf of the entire corps and school the Bayonet wishes to thank Dr. Holcomb for this worthy addition to the many awards made at Commencement Exercises annually.

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BAND MAKES TRIP

Assisting the Government in its own way the AMA band traveled to Monterey, Virginia, to an auction and bond selling drive by the inhabitants of that little community. The band members were dressed in white ducks and wind-breakers and they paraded through the streets of the little town. Major Roller also contributed to the Bond Rally by buying \$10,000 worth of bonds. A supper was served to the band members, and reports coming from them were that they had a good time.

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THE 1944 RECALL

Important information concerning the 1944 edition of the school annual is forthcoming in the third issue of the Bayonet. Cadets who have had experience with other school annuals are requested to contact the faculty adviser of this publication.

The Bayonet

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HONOR

Honor is an elusive quality which none can exactly define, and yet we all know what it is, and by its presence, or absence, we can, and do trust. Honor has its code—those laws which no man may transgress and be respected, which no Augusta cadet can or will ignore.

First in the code is loyalty—to one's country, Augusta, one's ideals, and to those both above and below in the scale of life.

Next is truth—the honorable man neither claims credit or ownership for that which is not his own nor does he spread unconfirmed rumors or thoughts as the truth. Rather the honorable man speaks only the truth and fears no consequences.

The honorable man does not ask or expect that which he cannot return. He admits his errors and accepts his punishment without whining or seeking to alleviate his lot—he is too proud. Honor requires that all debts material and otherwise be discharged and one taking an unfair advantage over another is strictly forbidden.

Most important is keeping one's word. "A gentleman's word is his bond." A gentleman is a man of proved recognized honor, and it is such that Augusta expects its graduates to be, in whatever walk of life they may be called upon to represent their Alma Mater. A student's loftiest privilege is to guard the honor of Augusta.

CLASS RINGS

All seniors who want class rings should get their orders in early because the Government has preference over the firm that makes these rings. It will take about four months for the ring to come after the order is placed. There are different sizes of rings and different stones that may be selected so all seniors, who want rings, better get their orders in early.

THE REASON FOR

ITS BEING THERE

Probably many a new cadet has wondered just who the picture is that hangs above the banner "Keep them Flying", in the Big Room. This is a picture of Lt. Jack Manch, son of Major Martin M. Manch, of the AMA faculty. It hangs there in honor of the man who was one of the first fliers to bomb Tokyo. Jack attended AMA for four years and later went to Hampden-Sidney College before transferring to the Army Air Corps. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for the part he took in the air-raid on the capitol of Japan. He was captain of the Band in his senior year at Augusta. So you see, even the Band is supposed to turn out top flight soldiers.

AH!! MARY BALDWIN

Lads, would you believe it, Monday was the first time in Staunton, and what a time the cadets had there. A noticeable scene was the porch of Mary Baldwin College, and who would blame the boys, with all the Beautiful girls there. The freshman class certainly put one over on the other girls when they came into view. Maybe it's the war that makes them beautiful, who knows. A golden chance is offered all cadets who want dates for the dances at Augusta if they just step onto the porch of MBC. We noticed the wolves of Augusta and their honored president having a swell time. It really does a fellow good to get around the opposite sex once in a while, and that is true here. Once—in a very long while——.

Gazing through the crystal ball we predict that the mails from Augusta to Mary Baldwin will burn up the highway.

P. X. ADDITION

After a year of waiting, the AMA corps will have a larger Post Exchange. Last year the plan was in the offing, but only this summer were plans completed. The addition will extend from the back of the PX for twenty feet and end close to the garages. This room will be used as a storeroom and for no other purposes. The PX has been having a hard time getting supplies for the cadets, but it is doing its best and cadets are urged to bear with Ed Sites if he does not have what they want.

CLASSES ORGANIZED

Friday morning marked the opening of classes of AMA for the 1943-44 school year. The corps marched to the big room where Colonel T. J. Roller explained the functions of the academic work. He pointed out that education was equally important to the cadets as well as the military training they will receive at Augusta, and advised every cadet to study hard and learn something. He presented to the corps the new faculty officers who took the places of last year's Major Rodrick, Colonel Louiselle, Captain Tomlin, Lieutenant Henry and Lieutenant Davidson who were unable to return to Augusta. Classes were short due to an early morning drill, and they were used to get acquainted with the Faculty officers and the work of the year.

Some of the classes were overloaded with students and they are going to be cut down. It has been the object of AMA to have small classes for the cadets so they can learn their courses better and have more personal help from the teachers. This year AMA presented to the students thirty-five different courses, covering all fields of work, so they may plan for future occupations. Colonel Roller and Colonel Robinson, assisted by members of the faculty, classified the students for the coming year and tried to place them in their right subjects. In the near future those cadets who are not satisfied with their courses and have other complaints will see Colonel Roller and have their troubles straightened out. Classes will be held every day except Monday. The only interruptions will be for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Founders Day, and Spring Holidays.

Every cadet has been required to carry at least four subjects. The majority carried more.

OPENING PARADE

Having less than three days training AMA's first dress parade, Sunday, September 26, was a very creditable one. The companies, although composed mostly of new recruits, performed like veterans. Even Company E, which is made up of the youngest and the smallest members of the entire corps gave a noteworthy performance. The AMA Band, though in need of practice, was one of the high-lights of the parade. The Band shows possibilities of becoming one of the most outstanding organizations at the academy.

Woodberry Forest Defeats AMA in Season's Opener

Scores Come in First and Second Quarters—Team Has Sparkling Ground Defense.

With but ten days of practice Augusta opened its 1943 football season meeting Woodberry Forest on the latter's gridiron. Although defeated 28-0, the Blue and White team made itself felt throughout the entire contest and predicted that we have "something" that will pay dividends later on in the season. Woodberry offered its usual eleven of big, experienced and hard-hitting footballers. We held them practically to a loss whenever they attempted a play through the line and only gave somewhat around the ends. Thus stopped on the ground WF took to the aerial route and scored airmail specials.

The Game

Null of AMA kicked off to WF's 25 the kickoff was run back to their forty. Trying four plays which netted them a loss of 5 yards, WF punted over our goalline. AMA on the first down punted but the kick was hurried and poor and went out of bounds on our twenty-five. Two running plays by WF netted them nothing and on the third down a pass from Gammon to Alston brought the first tally with the extra point being good. WF kicked off to AMA's 20. AMA tried to punt but the pass from center was bad and WF recovered the fumble which led to their second tally. Again WF kicked off but again AMA was forced to punt and then WF started another drive which yielded a third tally, as the quarter ended. Punts were exchanged and then WF finally after gaining on every exchange of punts got possession of the ball on our 30. Here they tried an end run which gave them their last tally. The third and fourth quarter saw the teams fighting on equal terms with WF never getting farther than the AMA 30. Here we started an attack but we appeared to lack the necessary punch to do much. In the closing minutes of the game our sparkplug quarterback, Steve Slagle, was hurt on a runback of a kick. However, since that moment he has recovered and will be in the starting lineup against VSDB.

Lineup for AMA: Codling and Long ends; Eddy and Hayes tackles; Weaver and Bearden guards; Johnson center; Simmons and Null wingbacks; Don Brown fullback and Slagle quarterback.

COACH SLAGLE

This is just to give you an idea of some of the work that coach G. van B. Slagle has done.

University of Penn. B. S., graduate school—2 years.

Director of athletics, University Boys Club, Phila., Penn., Germantown Boys Club, Phila., Penn.

Director Physical Education, Parochial schools, Phila., Penn.

Head Coach of Football, Upper Darby H. S. Penn. (Math. Instructor.)

Pottstown H. S., Penn. (Math Instructor.)

Head Coach and General Manager, Wilmington "Clippers" Professional football club (American League). Scranton "Miners" Professional football club (Eastern League).

Head Coach, Atlantic City "Roses" Professional Football Club.

Advisory Coach of Football, Johns Hopkins University; University of Delaware; West Virginia University.

Vice-President American Professional Football League.

Director of Recreation, Philadelphia County, Penn.

Director Episcopal Home for Transient Boys, Philadelphia, Penn.

Advisory Member (Athletics) Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts.

He was also Chief Field Engineer for Standard Oil of Penn., Benjamin Foster Co., Indian Rock Dam, York, Penn.

Chief Engineer Merchant Marine Works, Westinghouse Electric, Phila.

Superintendent of Construction, Radio Div. Plant Westinghouse Electric, Baltimore.

Special Representative, Westinghouse E. and M. Co., Washington.

Chief Engineer, U. S. Naval Air Base, Patuxent River, Mo. Mountaineer Engineering Co., Fairmont, W. Va.

This speaks for itself, we are very fortunate to have such a fine man.

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LACROSSE!

The sports editors of this paper would like to receive some letters pertinent to the organization of a Lacrosse team this year. A very close friend of the corps last year offered to underwrite the major portion of the expense of the team but the response to the offer was so poor that the idea was abandoned by the Bayonet. Let us hear your reactions on this idea. We will print them.

BLUE AND WHITE NEWS

Saturday Augusta Military Academy inaugurated its 50th year of football with Woodberry Forest School, Orange, Va. This has been one of the oldest rivalries between two Virginia Prep school teams and has only been broken twice. Last year the Blue and White team rolled up six wins against four losses. They defeated Suffolk 12-0; Clifton Forge 13-0; Hargrave 12-0; University of Virginia Freshmen 13-0; Norfolk Naval Apprentice 39-6, and Fishburne Military Academy 7-6, while losing to Woodberry Forrest 14-0; Fork Union 19-0; United States Naval Academy 53-13; and V. M.I. 21-7. Bill Tuminalli and "Whity" Laraner were elected from last year's team for the Virginia all-state squad. Later Tuminalli received a scholarship to Penn State, but was drafted into the army.

This year only two letter men returned to the Augusta team—Bill Eddy, hard playing and hitting tackle, who received honorable mention on the all-state team last year, and Adolph Null. Reserves from last year's team who returned to Augusta are: Buddy Hayes, Newport News, Va.; "Skeeter" Slagle, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Dave Eborn, Manager of last year's team, from Washington, N. C. There were a number of cadets who played on the J. V. team last year, who moved up to the varsity, and they include Brown, Codling, Koellmer, Long, Welch, DiBella, and Tabakin.

A lot of new cadets will most likely fill in the places which were vacated by members of last year's squad. The squad has been shaping out rapidly since the beginning of school, and prospects are high. Along with the careful guidance of Coach "Van" Slagle this year's team might prove one of the best.

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FIRST DANCE

Last Saturday evening AMA held its first informal dance of the year which turned out with great success. There were girls from Mary Baldwin college, Stuart Hall, and Staunton, who were invited by the cadets and the ratio for this dance was only three cadets to one girl. In the future we hope to have it on an equal basis. The music was supplied by the Wodrow Wilson Memorial General Hospital Band and a good time was had by all who attended.

CAMERA CLUB

Cadets who are interested in joining the camera club sponsored by Captain Paul V. Hoover will be glad to know that its formation will begin early this year. In the past AMA has tried to shape together a club that would provide interest to the boys that joined, but met with little success. It is hoped that many new cadets will take this offer and place their names with Captain Hoover early. The club will do such work as taking sports pictures, parade pictures, and work in the dark room. The dark room will be on the first stoop opposite the office of the P.M.S.&T. Those cadets who have cameras, will be provided with the opportunity to do trick photography.

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Attention Potential Fencers

During the past four years one of the outstanding sports at Augusta has been fencing. It has attained a record that we believe is unequalled in sports in this institution. Again the sport has begun practice for the continuation of its prowess in prep and collegiate circles. Of last year's corps we find McGlooin, the only letter man returning but he is beautifully supported by the Hevener brothers, Copping, Hockman and Wasco who should be in the first lineup. New arrivals with promise include Cordero, Ducey, Thomas, Drexel, Brewer, Kreeger, all of whom should give the above mentioned artists plenty of trouble for top honors. Arrangements are now being made for meets with other schools. New material is always welcome.

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NOTES

One of the latest accomplishments of a former AMA cadet was done by the famous, well liked, quiet, well behaved and obedient new cadet of last year. I think his name was Watson, yes, Tom Watson—remember? Well, Tom just wrote a song called "On to Victory" and published it through a Philadelphia publishing company.

I understand that one of our dear little cadets is looking for a reduced rate on cigars—for what—ask Tom Warner—he might know.

Cadets should make it a point to keep away from the sheep pasture! I understand that a few hundred of them were on the loose some nights ago.

QUADRANGLE QUIRKS

Anything used in this column is purely for fun—no harm meant.

Something new has been added to the new cadets this year! Now they cut their corners, brace, and sound off! Is this like last year when such easy going cadets like Tom Watson, and Ed Hannigan ran the school?

Dave Eborn locked the votes away for presidency the other night. It was only by the slight of hand method used by Arthur Boothe and Maj. Roller that got the Big Room unlocked from the inside. It might be a campaign method!

It looks like Bob Grape forgot something the other day when he didn't inspect barracks. Was it the little woman back home?

Voices must be changing it seems. The officers provide amusement for the ranks when they use two voices. We have Frank Sinatras too! (Take notice, Mary Baldwin.)

Seems as though Amick is still airplane spotter of the barracks. We haven't found one to equal his vision yet! It's uncanny!

We welcome back to the columns of this paper a well known humor artist. "Red" Brooke is to write a column namely, "See here Private Brooke"! We will present it in each issue of the Bayonet.

The noise from 306 is terrific. Besides having two mail carriers in the same room Joe Bello is there. Need we explain more!

There is a rough assembly of faculty officers here. Quite a few have been football players. That was found out in the daily Bull sessions!

We want to see a lot of girls at the first dance. But be fair about it too. Let other fellows cut in once in awhile. Nothing like it. Lt. O'Grady had the first dance he brought his wife to last year though. Was it one dance or two you got with her, Lieutenant?

Try a comparison with this year's band and last. Then play "Gloomy Sunday" and shoot yourself. You know, that's the song people killed themselves over!

There is hardly a noise in barracks when taps sound. Most of the cadets are in other rooms visiting, and they creep along the walls to their own rooms. We know, we do it too!

CADETS—Please don't judge this first issue of the Bayonet as how its going to be throughout the year. We want someone to subscribe!

Well, you little cut-ups. This column can just amble on and get dry like it already is so we or I must end. I won't tell you who writes this be-

cause I value my life a little.

One of our Wong Brothers stated that the Chinese have been fighting Japs for the past twelve years but he couldn't stand fighting Georger as a roommate for one month.

It seems that cadets' old and new, never can find time to look out of their windows and notice the beauty and loveliness of the surrounding trees and hills—UNTIL the air is filled with the scent of perfume, meaning the young feminine visitors who were here on Saturday. Then, the hungry wolves came out of their windows!

Old cadets, if it has ever been noticed, do not care much for visiting "rats", except when a picture of a new cadet's lovely sister is in full view—Result: the most beautiful friendship in the world—not with the new cadet, but with his sister!

Wife, appealing to husband on bended knees and crying: "Hubby, I've misplaced the ring you gave me at our wedding. I must find it!"

Husband: "Don't cry, dear, it probably fell off your finger into the drain pipe under the sink while you were doing the dishes. I'll have a plumber come and take down the pipes and find it."

After a few days of search the husband produces the ring.

Wife, dancing with joy: "Oh, you darling—where on earth did you find it?"

Husband, with sour grim face: "In my pants pocket!"

Cadet "rats" Musgrave, Dozier, and Moershnell have probably sung more selections for old cadets than Crosby has made records. The boys are glad to see old cadets interested in the condition of their lungs, but after their previous days in Augusta, the conditions of their lungs and definitely not sound—Incidentally, old cadets say its not a bad trio.

New cadets are having to "Fin out" so much that they are wondering if going to the mess hall three times a day will ever make them normal again.

During drill one day, a new cadet in Company "B", when told along with the rest of the company to put his feet down as the base drum sounds, asked: "Both feet at the same time, sir?"

Saturday night after mess, it seems that there must have been a skunk somewhere on the premises. The odor was scented by almost everyone. Will someone please keep Cadet Musgrave confined to his quarters until commencement?

Wanted: One new steel coo coo broom!

Ray Long, in his usual joking mood, came into Spanish II class Friday and

asked Lieutenant Josephs if he was in the right class. When asked if he was supposed to take Spanish II, Long replied: "Sure, but I haven't learned Spanish I yet!"

Some of the latest mix up's by the cadets of this great institution:

It seems that one of our new members of the corps was A.W.O.L. for about four hours before it was determined his whereabouts. This was determined only when Capt. Hoover went to the O. D. and said, "did you know that Burcher was A.W.O.L.?" the bright reply from the dear O. D. was, "Oh, is that where he is, we've been wondering!"

After Tatoo last night, Cadet "Mike" Herossis passed a Cadets room, and when asked where he was going he replied, "I am going to see that man, because I forgot to go to Drill." When asked what happened he stated, "That horn blew and the lights went out and I thought it was time to go to bed, so I did!"

Wong "3" was being drilled individually by Cadet Hockman and when given "In cadence count", he sounded off with, "Wong, two, three, four."

It seems that there was some mix up in Maj. Roller's orders the other night, when he gave voluntary retirement and stated that this was done so that ice cream, etc., could be bought from the "Post" and from "Lackeys." Several of the Cadets left the Mess Hall and were on the way to Lackey when they were stopped and sent back to barracks by Major Roller who said they were A.W.O.L.

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New P. M. S. & T.

A.M.A. received a new P.M.S.&T. to replace Lieutenant Ralph E. Carlson, who is going back to Virginia Polytechnic Institute to take up where he left off before coming to Augusta last year. AMA cadets are sorry to lose Lt. Carlson, but we have also been fortunate to receive in his place Major Blackburn, from Fort Ustis, Va., who has been here only a week and has been greatly impressed by the work the cadets are doing so far. He hopes they will continue on with the good work. In a short quotation Major Blackburn addresses the cadets:

"Having been here only a week it is very difficult for me to say much at this time. However, I do want you to know that to me it is a distinct honor to have been chosen to serve at Augusta Military Academy, a school with a long and distinguished record. Even in so short a time one feels this,

and the responsibility that goes with it. My constant endeavor will be to live up to and carry on the traditions and good name of Augusta."

Major Blackburn has had a long and varied military career. He enlisted in Co. A, of the 5th Maryland National Guard on December 16, 1911. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of the 4th Maryland National Guard in May of 1912. He became a First Lieutenant in November, 1913; and a Captain in May, 1914. He then resigned his position in October, 1914, but later went to Commissioned Officer Training School, at Camp Lee, Va., in August, 1918. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Officer Reserve Corps in November, 1918, and has served in the Officer Reserve Corps to date.

It is with due respect that we welcome Major Blackburn to AMA, and we know that he will make this year's corps worthy of its goal. That is, to pass Government Inspection.

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Y.M.C.A. HOLDS FIRST MEET

Last Sunday night the Y.M.C.A. officially had their first meeting of the 1943-44 year. The new officers, who were elected last May, are: President, Cadet Captain Eborn; vice president, Cadet Captain Stewart, W. C.; secretary, Cadet Platoon Sergeant Terry Tariche; and treasurer, Cadet Robert Kears. The members of the cabinet are: cadets Stanley, J.; McCrum, Weed, Sweatt, Codling, Pigg, Reger, Dunbar, and Hevener, J. B.

Colonel Roller made a short speech to the assembled cadets and refreshments were served to all who attended. The cabinet plans many social events for the coming year. Two dances are scheduled, along with many contests in ping pong, swimming and other sports. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of these contests.

The Y.M.C.A. this year is trying to have good entertainment for its members. They plan to use the money collected from the cadets themselves, to furnish the entertainment. So far they have collected somewhere near \$195 which is not enough to meet the expenses for all the swell times planned. In this article a plea is made to all cadets who haven't joined the "Y" to do so, and have a good time.

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Marines are called leathernecks because in the early days of the organization a leather stock was part of the uniform.

PRESENTING

CHARLES McATEE

First Captain Charles McAtee is one of the oldest cadets at AMA, and his services to the school have been many. Besides being Major Roller's right hand man for the past two years, "Mac" is head of the transportation at school. He received the honor of being included into the Ad Astra per Aspera fraternity last year at Finals, and he was fully qualified for the honor. During the summers he has been working with the B. & O. Railroad company as a clerk and yard officer. He is in his fourth year of Tactics and has shown that he is capable of handling the battalion. "Mac" says, "I think this is the best corps that Augusta has had since I have been here," and, he hopes that he can help the new cadets in anyway possible. He urges the cadets to attend the dances to "forget the world about you." Augusta is fortunate in having a man of McAtee's character and usefulness. In some ways he represents the leadership that all corps needs. So, it is with honor that we present to you, Captain Charles McAtee.

PATRICK H. GEORGER

Lieutenant Patrick Georger, of the staff, has been at AMA for seven years and has been one of the best cadets, in the military standpoint, to be had. Pat has been the member of different football squads and baseball squads. He has been a help to Major Roller and the corps by doing extra work. Pat has gotten along very nicely at AMA and we hope he continues to do good work.

WILLIAM PERKINS

"Chuck", as he is called by his friends, has been at Augusta for the past six years. In that time he has been an asset to the corps. In his third year at AMA, Chuck was elected best NCO. At that time he was a corporal. The next year he became a line sergeant. Last year he was one of the main-stays of the officers, having the jobs of Lieutenant of the Quartermaster corps and staff, and also was in charge of the post office. This year Perkins became a First Lieutenant of "B" Company a post he has always wanted. If you judge the looks of his sister, equal with Chuck's chances of making good, there will be no need to worry. Horseback riding is one of his pleasures. He brought his own horse to school this year, a brown gelding, and his own equipment. Possibly Chuck will be at the stables most of his free time. No doubt AMA was fortunate to have William Perkins as one of its cadets. He will make good in all endeavors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Last year's humor section was handled very capably by Red "Backward March" Brooke; as he is no longer with us I believe that this year's humor section could and should be handled by the readers who could submit jokes and limericks to be published in the Bayonet.

A Reader.

Dear Editor:

I think the Bayonet needs a page of snap shots devoted to the Cadets. This column could be called "Off the Record," or "Just Around the School". This type of column would add more interest in the paper. The Cadets would probably start a collection of many of these pictures.

I would appreciate your consideration on this subject.

Anonymous.

"TO AUGUSTA"

Due to the circumstances attending the opening of school and the rather brief time allowed me to write this letter before the Bayonet goes to press, I have found myself seriously handicapped in preparing a comprehensive statement. I do, however, hope to make a later contribution to your school paper, regardless of the fact that I might be many miles away. I may be leaving good old A.M.A. shortly—but this only in the physical form. My soul has been too deeply drenched in the spiritual strength of this school to ever depart from it. I shall watch your progress regularly from afar, and I shall enjoy or suffer your pleasures and sorrows with you all. I hope to revisit your campus as often as possible and drink again from the overflowing fountain of friendship and love that is a unique possession of A.M.A., and which so many other institutions lack.

I consider the Academy to be very fortunate in obtaining the War Department detail of Major Arthur Blackburn as its PMS&T. He is undoubtedly immeasurably more competent than the writer of this letter to the corps to direct and guide the program of Military Training. He is a genuinely fine gentleman and a very accomplished and well-trained officer. If you wish to get a fair idea of what Major Blackburn has "on the ball", I would like to refer you to a article that I wrote in the May issue of 1943, in which there was a treatment of the qualities that good leadership requires. I have personally tested Major Blackburn on each requirement and have found that he "rang the bell" resoundingly on each and every test. It is incumbent upon every member of

the Corps of Cadets to give him the true measure of fullest cooperation. If you do this, the proud heritage of A. M.A. will be carried aloft in its highest tradition and never be sullied.

May I suggest a motto for the Corps

"If it is very difficult to do, we will do it right now."

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